

**TOWN OF GRANBY
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 19, 2013**

PRESENT: Chairman Anna Sogliuzzo; Vickie Dirienzo; Carolyn Flint; Mark Fiorentino; and newly appointed member Bill Sleavin

ABSENT: Lana Torres; Susan Dwyer

Chairman A. Sogliuzzo confirmed a quorum and called the special meeting of the Conservation Commission to order at 7:06 p.m.

MINUTES

The minutes from the November 5, 2013 meeting were reviewed by the Commission. A correction was noted under New Business. The corrected item should read: A local resident, Ken Schulz, has expressed an interest in working with the Clean Energy Task Force, rather than a clean energy task force.

ON A MOTION by M. Fiorentino, seconded by C. Flint, the minutes from the November 5, 2013 meeting were approved (5-0-0), as corrected.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION WEBSITE

No business at this time.

TRAIL MAPPING

B. Sleavin provided the Commission with a computer presentation of the trails that have been mapped at Holcomb Farm. M. Fiorentino, Chairman of the Stewardship Committee at Holcomb Farm, will inquire of Holcomb Farm, Inc. to see if they will allow a local Boy Scout troop to re-blaze Holcomb Farm's white trails.

PRINT CARTRIDGE RECYCLING

Chairman A. Sogliuzzo has spoken with library director Kelly Marszycki who thinks it's a good idea to have a print cartridge recycling box at the library, to benefit the library, but needs to speak to the library board about it.

CACIWC (Connecticut Association of Conservation & Inland Wetlands Commissions, Inc.)

L. Torres will present a report at the December 3, 2013 meeting.

REVIEW AND PRIORTIZE 2014 PROJECTS

1. Establish working relationships with local youth groups and obtain their assistance with implementation of suitable projects. Groups could include: boy scouts, girl scouts, church groups, and school clubs - M. Fiorentino.
2. Restructure Clean Energy Task Force - L. Torres.

3. Organize events/seminars to educate the residents on our town's unique assets. Investigate library/Holcomb Farm as possible venues - V. Dirienzo
4. Invite town residents to submit local wildlife and nature photos and publish best submissions on the website - Chairman A. Sogliuzzo.
5. Include information for conserving land (Public Act 420, Conservation Easements, etc.) on the website - Chairman A. Sogliuzzo.
6. Liaise with the state to conduct a wildlife survey - S. Dwyer and C. Flint.
7. Evaluate GIS based preliminary environment assessment tool to identify environmentally sensitive areas - B. Sleavin.
8. Liaise with Simsbury to identify ways in which Granby can safely promote bike use - V. Dirienzo.
9. Partner with the Granby Historical Society with a view to including a historical and cultural inventory in the Natural Resource Inventory - C. Flint.
10. Schedule a review and update of the Natural Resource Inventory for 2014--Upon discussion of this topic it was decided that it will be broken down into sections, a schedule for review will be set up and it will not be done on a yearly basis.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman A. Sogliuzzo provided the Commission with the final draft of an article she wrote for submission to the Drummer.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman A. Sogliuzzo provided the Commission with information about CEFIA (Clean Energy Finance and Investment Authority). M. Fiorentino will research this with a possibility of the town participating in the program.

ADJOURN

ON A MOTION by C. Flint, seconded by M. Fiorentino, the Commission voted unanimously 5-0-0) to adjourn at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jini Ruscitti